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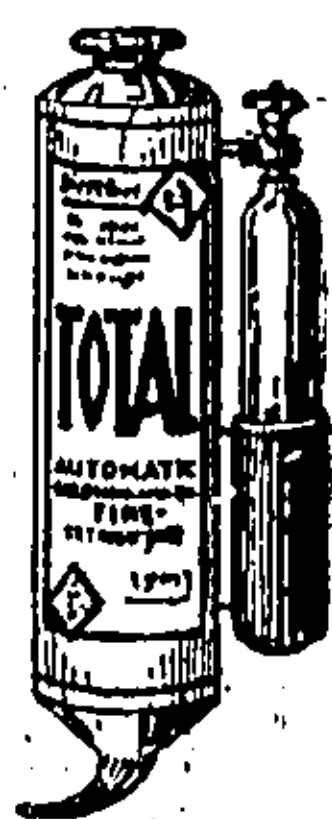
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JAPAN TO-DAY.

KEEPING SATURDAY AFTER-
NOON AS HOLIDAY.

WESTERN WEEK-END.

Tokyo.—At the petition of bank clearing houses, and over the protest of stock exchanges and chambers of commerce, the Ministry of Finance has approved of the plan to close all banks in Japan at noon on Saturday, and so grant bank employees this half holiday. Those objecting to the scheme claimed that it would hurt business, while those upholding it pointed to the fact that the Mutual Trust Company, which voluntarily put it into practice some time ago, had actually increased business effi-



Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of York, wife of Prince Albert.

ciency thereby. Their principal reason, however, was to promote the health and welfare of bank clerks.

The custom of observing Sunday as a holiday is a constantly growing one in Japan; and now that of taking Saturday afternoon as a half holiday is beginning to make headway. In the old days there were no periodical rest days in this country. The only holidays observed were national or religious festivals, which came at irregular intervals during the year. In addition, two days annually, Jan. 15 and July 15, were observed as holidays for the apprentices, who were allowed their time to themselves and were presented with new outfits of clothing by their masters.

The holidays of old Japan numbered about 52 in most parts of the country; but sometimes two months or more went by without a day of rest, and then there would be a three or five-day holiday. With the coming of the foreigner to Yokohama and Kobe 60 years ago the custom of Sunday observance was introduced. For many years it was confined to the foreigner and to those in his employ, but gradually Japanese firms began to take it up. This was especially true in those cities where there were many foreigners and the Japanese were in close contact with them.

A modified form of Sunday observance came into vogue and is still largely practiced, which is the granting of the first and third Sunday of each month as a holiday. The large department stores of Tokyo and many other business firms follow this practice. It is wise not to plan a trip into the countryside by train on either the first or third Sunday of the month for, if the weather is

TROUBLED LOVERS.

SEQUEL TO OBJECTION TO A
MARRIAGE.

FALSE DECLARATION.

Victoria Emily Dear, 19, described as of Bayonne-road, Fulham, was summoned at the West London Police-court for making a false declaration for the purpose of procuring her marriage with William Henry Dear, by stating that the parents of Dear died in or about 1922, and that he had lived for eighteen months preceding April 23, the date of the declaration, at Bayonne-road.

Defendant was represented by Mr. R. Williams, who said she admitted the charge.

Counsel for the prosecution stated that before the marriage Dear lived with his parents at Strode-road, Fulham, and the defendant visited him there. Apparently his parents strongly objected to the proposed marriage though the girl's parents gave their consent. To get out of the difficulty the defendant made the false declaration on April 23, and the young people were married on May 5. The girl was then under 19 and the young man 20.

Mr. Williams said there was no moral reason why the young couple should have got married so soon, but the young man's parents were continually pestering and annoying the girl, making disturbances at her home, and even waylaying her on her way to work. That being the state of things, the boy and girl decided that the best thing to do was to get married. She obtained her parents' consent, but the boy's parents were adamant, so the defendant very wrongly made the false declaration. It was a foolish thing to do because, as she might have anticipated, the objecting parents, instead of accepting the situation, sought to vent their wrath by informing the police.

Defendant expressed regret for her conduct.

Mr. Marshall (the magistrate) said that, in view of her youth, he would not punish the girl, but she would be bound over in £10 to come up for judgment within twelve months.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

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THE ARMED ROBBERY.

Money and valuables amounting to \$7,000 were taken by the six armed robbers, in their daring raid carried out at No. 28a, Stanley-street, yesterday morning. In addition, a deposit receipt on the Chartered Bank for a sum of \$5,000; and two I.O.U.'s for a total amount of \$8,000, were also taken. At about 5 p.m. yesterday, a man who was suspected in connection with the raid, was arrested on the waterfront.

fine, the trains are so crowded that it is often impossible to find a seat. —"Christian Science Monitor."

ODD ENGLISH.

SEEN THROUGH IRISH
EYES.

PLAYING THE GAME.

Some interesting observations on the English character were made by Professor Percy Carter Buck, King Edward Professor of Music, University of London, in welcoming 300 foreign students from 25 countries at King's College for Women. "I am not an Englishman," he said, "so I can tell you quite frankly that the English people are extremely difficult to understand. I have got to understand them now because I have had the advantage of being brought up in England,



His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, second son of King George and Queen Mary, of England.

but I warn you not to draw conclusions from things you notice.

"The English are not at all the people they seem to be. Whether they be angry, unhappy, hurt, or anything else, they will not show it. You may watch Englishmen opening telegrams containing news of the greatest tragedy or amazing luck, but from their behaviour or facial expression you will not be able to say which it is.

"Englishmen are truly odd people. Although they have invented most of the good games in the world, I believe they are the only people who play games just because they love them, and not because they want to win. They don't care a bit if they lose. In fact, I honestly believe that when French tennis players and German runners come over and beat them, they are pleased, whereas I, as an Irishman, want to knock out any fellow who beats me. (Laughter.)

"In fact, you never know why an Englishman does anything in the world, and I therefore advise you to study these curious specimens of humanity while you have the chance."

Professor Buck added that if the English were threatened with having all their arts taken away from them they would be sorry, but would make the best of it and carry on without them. But if they were threatened with losing all their games they would calmly ask for a revolver and shoot themselves. (Laughter.)

Frederick William Young, 45, widower, of Wesley-road, Leyton, Essex, was found drowned on the foreshore at Leigh-on-Sea.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Under Love Ban.



Ogden Coelet, young Harvard graduate, who, it is whispered along Park Avenue, was the subject of a recent tete-a-tete between his father and Miss Louise Groody, musical comedy star. Coelet père is alleged to have declared his intention to cut off his son without a dollar, in the event he married the pretty actress. She declined to discuss the story before she left for a vacation abroad.

First Photo of "Red Tent" Refugees.



The above remarkable pictures were made by Photographer Luce as the aeroplane of Major Maddalena, Italian ace, circled above the pack ice on which the group of Italian refugees was marooned. The famous "red tent" is within the circle. The flier descended to within a few feet, shouted encouragement to the men on the floe below and then sped away to notify the ice-breaker "Krasnik" of the location. Their rescue followed two weeks later. At the left, Major Maddalena photographed before taking off on his flight of discovery.

Resigns in Protest.



Because he did not agree with the American Olympic Committee's action in the certification of Charles W. Paddock as an amateur, George W. Wightman, President of the Boston A. A., resigned his membership and office of third, vice-president of the committee.

Life Threatened.



When a burly chauffeur returned the \$4,000 diamond and platinum bracelet for which she had advertised, he refused to claim the reward offered by Mrs. Lydia Johnson, wife of the heir to the Palm Olive soap millions. Instead he declared that he wanted HER, threatening to kill her unless she accompanied him from the hotel. The frightened bride is being guarded constantly by a detachment of police.

Chorus to Opera.



Jane Carroll, beautiful mezzo-soprano, started her career in the chorus of a musical show, but studied incessantly night and day with her voice teachers. Her reward came when she was chosen by Signor Gullio Gatti-Casazza as one of four young American girls who will appear at the Metropolitan next season.

Indian History.



J. P. Harrington, of the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution, who will record the native languages, culture, and history of the Indians of Southern California. He will make his headquarters in Santa Barbara.

Wants to Fly High.



She's only sixteen, is pretty Eleanor Smith, of Freeport, L. I., youngest girl-flier in New York, but she is out to break the woman's altitude record in her own Wright-motored plane. She made her first solo flight at fifteen and has a state licence to fly.

They Know What Price Glory?



Braver even than the gallant fliers who are writing a glamorous chapter in the world's book of heroism, are the mothers who stay behind and pray that Providence will be merciful to them. Better than anyone, they know the answer to "what price glory." Left to right, the mother of Captain Emilio Carranza, Mexico's martyred ambassador of good will; Mrs. R. E. Byrd, whose son, Commander Byrd, flew from New York to Ver sur Mer, France; Mrs. Nungesser, mother of the French ace lost with Captain Coli in an attempt to fly from Paris to New York; and Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of America's own "Lone Eagle."

They're Confident of the Outcome.



Neither Governor Alfred E. Smith, nor Mrs. Smith seem to be worrying over the political situation in this charming and intimate picture taken on the lawn of their Albany home with a group of their grandchildren. The youngsters are Walter, Joseph and Arthur Smith and Mary Adams Warner.

Paints "Open Spaces."



Mrs. Carrie E. Allen, artist on the staff of the Bureau of Reclamation, who depicts in oil the wheat fields of Kansas, the apple orchards of Washington and the dusty, mesquite covered ranch country of the Panhandle. Her work is known for its highly original quality.

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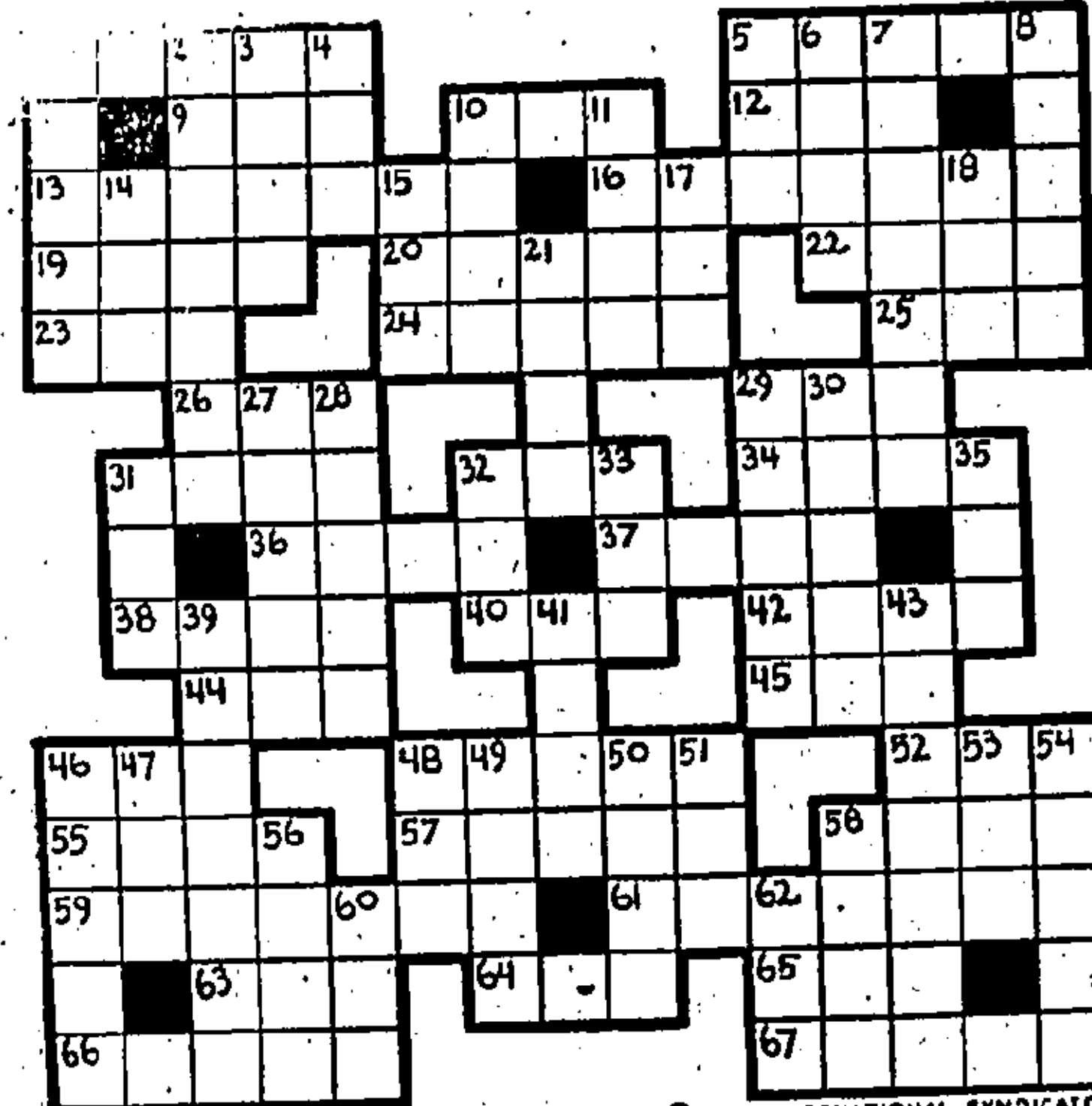
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL:

- 1-A city in central Georgia, U. S.
- 5-The father of Jacob's wives
- 9-Crude metal
- 10-To afflict with fatigue
- 12-A note of Guido's scale
- 13-Like a tooth
- 16-A noted American geologist
- 19-Eagles
- 20-The earth (Latin)
- 22-A mountain in Thessaly
- 23-A sign of the Zodiac
- 24-Navigates
- 25-Unit of electrical resistance
- 26-To trifle
- 29-A number
- 31-Man distinguished for valor
- 32-A foundation
- 34-To sharpen
- 36-Git's name
- 37-Parched
- 38-Melodious utterance
- 40-Prefix. Not
- 42-Natty
- 44-Time period
- 45-Purpose in view
- 46-An Asiatote bovine animal
- 47-A herring-like fish

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-A Japanese statesman
- 55-Unlabeled
- 57-An old English playwright and poet
- 58-To spurt
- 59-Partaining to the coast
- 61-To decamp
- 63-Born (French)
- 64-A friar's title in Italy
- 65-Greek goddess of the dawn
- 66-A British major hanged in the United States
- 67-Upright carved stone (Archaic)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-Earlier than
- 16-Possessive pronoun
- 17-The lightest form of matter
- 18-Suffix. Somewhat
- 21-Fully developed
- 27-An anthropoid ape
- 28-An English historian
- 29-Possessive pronoun
- 30-The chief Norse god
- 32-To interdict
- 33-A tribe of Israel
- 35-To devour
- 39-City on San Francisco Bay, California
- 41-A demon
- 43-Patty
- 46-A plant of Mexico
- 47-In the past
- 48-A mineral spring
- 49-Money
- 50-A famous Spanish general
- 51-A drink
- 53-It is contracted
- 54-A large lake, N. Russia
- 56-A river, N. W. Belgium
- 58-Carbon from the smoke of wood
- 60-A golf term
- 62-Combining form. Middle

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

SOAR	APTS	SPAT
LURE	ROMP	ELBA
ACET	COMA	REEL
WHARF	RENOVATE	
AIM	RIDE	
OUT	CLASSED	SME
PROEM	ATL	GLAD
AGED	TO BEARD	
LES	STUNNINGLY	
SEER	ONE	
CHIMERAS	DROPS	
LORE	ATOM	ALLES
ANTIL	TELE	LEEN
PIST	EDEN	SOAT

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Taimoshan	1124
Kowloon Peak	1971

TRANS-SAHARA.

DREAM THAT MAY COME TRUE.

\$15,000,000. PROJECT.

Paris. — The Trans-Saharan Railway has become a question of the day. This gigantic undertaking, of which the realisation must have seemed not long since almost fabulous, has just been submitted by a vote of the Senate to be studied by a Special Commission empowered to spend nearly \$100,000 on practical investigations.

First proposed as long ago as 1859 by Major Hanoteau, when it was dismissed as a fantastic dream, the idea appeared, in 1879, to de Freycinet, who appointed a Committee of Inquiry, but the disaster that overtook the Flatters Expedition, which was annihilated by Touaregs, discouraged public interest, and the scheme languished for 20 years more.

From 1904, however, to 1923 as many as eight different studies were made by competent men, who had prospected various routes. In 1923 the success of the Haardt-Citron motor expedition, that crossed the Sahara on caterpillar wheels in fifteen days, and the Central African six-wheeled expedition of Renault and Citroën in the following year gave a decided fillip to the subject.

National Defence.

The reason why the Trans-Saharan Railway has become a problem of the moment, and will end by superseding almost all others is one of national defence. The year 1935 will be the date for France first to feel shortage of manpower caused by the decline of births from 1915 to 1919, when her men were at the front and separated from their wives. She can only make up the shortage by drawing on her Colonial possessions.

In 1914 there were six French Black regiments. Now the coloured troops amount to 60,000. By 1935 there can be half-a-million. With the Trans-Saharan working, the Niger will be at a distance of five days from Paris—an enormous saving of time—and the sea passage for French Colonial troops will be reduced to 30 hours from Oran to Port Vendres, and within the means of the French Navy to defend.

The ideal system for the Trans-Saharan, thinks General Aubier, one of the chief authorities on the subject, would be in the form of a Lorraine cross: a vertical line from Oran to Waghdugu, with two transverse lines, from Casablanca to Bizerta, and from Dakar to Lake Chad. In any case, it is likely that, whatever line is adopted, there will be an extension to Lake Chad, and thence ultimately a branch running south through French Equatorial Africa to a point on the Congo Coast, possibly Loango.

Value to Commerce.

Military considerations, however, are not the only ones, important as they are. It is, for instance, pointed out that, had the Trans-Saharan existed at the time, the Riff War would probably have fizzled out very quickly. But commerce enters largely into the question, too. The valley of the Niger is rich in cotton, livestock, and other natural values. It is calculated that from 100 to 200,000 tons of cotton could be obtained yearly within a short time if transport were available.



Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one of the prominent leaders of the dry forces. He will probably take a leading part in the coming presidential campaign.

besides large supplies of meat and wool, all from within French Possessions, and that France's commercial balance would profit to the tune of, perhaps, \$30,000,000 a year from these sources.

It appears to be established that the difficulties of building a railway across the desert with the aid of motor transport for construction parties are by no means insuperable, and that the danger from shifting sand, once the bogey called in to oppose the scheme, is largely non-existent.

The Trans-Saharan, it is said, will be to France what the Suez Canal is to the British Empire; it will link Calais with the Congo and give the French Empire an effective mobile population of 70 millions.

The total cost of the main line is roughly estimated at \$15,000,000.

Miss J. M. Abbott, B.A., head of the mathematics department of Wakefield High School, has been appointed headmistress of Leamington College for Girls.

BRITISH FILM.

SCENARIO READ BY THE KING.

ROYAL AID.

London.—The King has authorised the production of a full-length screen play dealing with the most romantic tradition or series of traditions, associated with the Imperial regalia of Britain, and has promised to use his influence on behalf of the enterprise.

The Queen is also associating herself with the project, even more closely than the King.

They have both read and approved the draft scenario of the narrative, in which a modern episode is enclosed within a story reaching back several hundred years, and have given certain instructions with a view to ensuring that the completed film shall be advertised with discretion and exhibited with dignity.

All the exterior scenes will be produced in India, and a committee of three distinguished Anglo-Indians, with the assistance of a native committee not less distinguished in Imperial service, has been formed to see that the royal wishes are effectively respected.

Great efforts will be made to ensure authenticity of fact and setting in a story of which the actual origins are veiled in antiquity.

The majority of the players will be experienced natives, but there will be a few Europeans, and all the principals will portray historical characters.

Wide Experience.

A director of wide experience has been engaged, and he will assuredly bring back a film not only great in its historical sweep, but the most comprehensive panorama of official and unofficial India that is ever likely to be produced.

It is understood that the company entrusted with the making of this film is British Screen Productions, the most successful of the new-British companies.

Mr. George W. Pearson, managing director of this company, to whom application for further information was made, refused rather to confirm or deny that he was interested in the project.

The film's provisional title is "The Hill," and as it will be the first produced directly under royal patronage, the result cannot but add enormously to the prestige of the British cinema industry.

Miss Sybil Florence Bald, 49, of Fircroft, Camberley, Surrey, who, after serving in the V.A.D. during the war, was at St. Dunstan's for nine years, was found dead in a pond near her home. She had left home in the morning, and a note was found stating that she had gone for a long walk.

A death's head moth, with a wing spread of four and a quarter inches, has been caught at Wigan.

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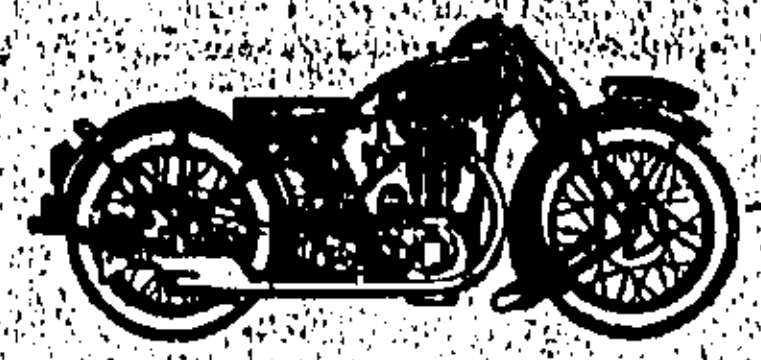


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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	12.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers London 16th Aug. and Parcels 9th Aug.)	Morea	13.
Shanghai and Amoy	Yingchow	14.
Japan and Shanghai	Kalyan	14.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	15.
Straits	Talamba	16.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	17.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	18.
Japan	Tango Maru	18.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
Shanghai	Hupoh	4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
*Hohow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	Chinhua	8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremer	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Japan	Morea	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Morea	6 p.m. (Letters only)

For	Per	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 25th Sept. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Sept. 14th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Sept. 14th) 10.30 a.m.	Talping	14.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tean	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjikembang	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	2 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa	Pooksang	5 p.m.

For	Per	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Oct. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (Sept. 15th) 9 a.m. Letters (Sept. 15th) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Sept. 15th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Sept. 15th) 10.30 a.m.	Kalyan	15.
Japan and *Victoria, B.C.—due *Victoria, B.C. 9th Oct.	Tyndareus	10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Kimsang	1.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anhui	4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Grant	4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa	Pooksang	5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

INDIA TARIFF BOARD AND OIL.

A REPORT.
INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND SAFEGUARDING.

THE PRICE-CUTTING WAR.

London, Yesterday.
The India Office issues a statement regarding the report of the Indian Tariff Board on the oil industry. The statement says: The Tariff Board was directed to investigate the question of safeguarding the oil industry in India from injury inflicted by the sale of imported kerosene at prices below world parity.

The majority of the Board finds that the sale at prices below world parity has been established but the president dissents. The Government of India recognises that the determination of world parity presents difficulties and various views may be taken. But, after careful examination of the evidence taken by the Board, they consider that the following facts have been established.

Firstly, the average price at which the Standard Oil Company sold superior kerosene between September 1927, and March, 1928, was above world parity whatever criterion be adopted of determining that level. Secondly, the Standard Oil Company did not take initiative anywhere in cutting prices. Thirdly, unless a world parity price is based on low price, said to have been paid for Russian kerosene by the Standard Oil Company, the Royal Dutch Shell group has consistently sold superior kerosene at uneconomic prices. Fourthly, it follows that dumping has been established not by companies against which complaint was made but by groups working in close alliance with the principal Indian producer.

To Make Good.
Both majority and minority reports comment on the important fact that the Royal Dutch Shell group had recognised the claim of the companies who were members of the pool to compensation for losses suffered as a result of the price war, which was material to the issue whether there was prima facie case for inquiry.

It was disclosed also at the enquiry that the Burma Oil Company had undertaken to make good to other Indian members of the pool the remainder of their losses, as measured by the difference between Indian and Chinese prices.

In face of these agreements, it would have been impossible for the Government of India to consider a grant of public assistance to companies which are members of a pool. As the price war has now ended, it is unnecessary to arrive at a conclusion on the question whether other companies should be safeguarded, but the Government of India see no reason for rejecting the considered opinion of the Board that no case has been made out for safeguarding any company.

The Government of India accept the finding of the Board that petrol is not likely to be imported into India on a considerable scale for the next two years and no action is called for. — British Wireless Service.

THREE CHARGES.

CHINESE MAN AND WOMAN BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

CASE ADJOURNED.

With his coat torn across his back, and in a very dishevelled condition, a Chinese and a Chinese woman made their appearance before Mr. Walter Schofield, at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning in connection with an assault in Yau-mat on a man named Leung Mui.

The charges against the male defendant were that "he did attempt to defraud the complainant of \$80 at Yau-mat, posed as a constable to arrest complainant" and that he assaulted complainant at No. 109, Temple-street. The woman defendant was only charged with conspiracy. Detective-Sergeant Mottram, applied for a remand, so as to enable the police to investigate certain statements.

NO TRADE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

CANADA'S ACTION.
LABOUR BODIES REJECT A RESOLUTION.

SNUB TO SOVIET.

Toronto, Yesterday.
The convention of Canadian trades and the Labour Congress have rejected a resolution urging the Canadian Government to renew trade relations with Russia. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S BLACK

ABORIGINES GET OUT OF HAND IN THE SOUTH.

DEEDS OF VIOLENCE.

Adelaide, Yesterday.

The unusual truculence of the aborigines in the north-west corner of South Australia is impelling the owners of stations to take the law into their own hands. Seventeen natives were killed following the murder of a gold prospector, William Brookes, who was battered to death.

Another outrage was inflicted upon a cattle farmer, William Morton, who was giving native beggars food when others attacked him from behind. Morton, who is a very powerful man, extricated himself and drew his revolver. He was immediately surrounded by a howling mob of blacks showering boomerangs, striking his revolver from his grasp and leaving him for dead.

Morton, however, recovered and reached a homestead twenty-seven miles away in a serious condition. — Reuter.

SHOWERS?

E. or variable winds, light, fair to showery, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

Pressure is high to the north of Japan and relatively low over Tongking.

The typhoon is about 150 miles S.E. of Naha, moving westward.

NORTH CHINA WAR.

MOVEMENTS AFTER FALL OF TONGSHAN.

NATIONALISTS PUSH ON.

Peking, Yesterday.

Following the capture of Tongshan by the Nationalists, General Pei Chung-hsi arrived there, himself on the evening of Sept. 10.

The whereabouts of the Northern commander-in-chief, General Chang Tsung-chang, are uncertain. According to some reports he has retired to Kaiping or Luanchow.

General Pei Chung-hsi intends to follow up the retreating Northern troops personally, leaving the Shanxi General in charge of the Tientsin and Lutai areas.

Manchuria to Back Up.

The Nationalist authorities announce that General Pei Chung-hsi captured Tongshan on the morning of Sept. 10 and that General Chang Tsung-chang has retreated from the Peking-Mukden railway.

The Nationalists assert that General Chang Tsung-chang of Manchuria is refusing to allow the Northern forces to pass Luanchow and also state that General Yang Yuting (chief-of-staff in Manchuria) is expected within the Great Wall as Chang Tsung-chang's delegate. — Reuter.

Four ball-ringers of St. Mary's church, Torquay, Devon, have been ringers in the same tower for 50 years or more.

able the police to investigate certain statements. Investigations had previously been made by Mr. R. A. C. North, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and he had decided that the police charge defendants and also carry on the investigations. The application was granted, the magistrate remanding the accused for 24 hours.

"MYSTERY OF LIFE" DISCUSSED.

BRITISH ASSOCN.
PROFESSOR HILL'S MOMENTOUS DISCOVERY.

THE LIVING CELL.

London, Yesterday.

Professor Donnan, of University College, London, addressing the British Association on "The Mystery of Life," said that his colleague Professor Hill was on the eve of discovering, if he had not already discovered, what is meant by cellular death, pointing to the fact that the life machine was totally different from the ordinary mechanical machines.

Life in the living cell was apparently kept going by oxygen and the oxidation of the latter's structure in preserving action alone seemed to ward off death.

Life and Death.

Professor Donnan declared that for the first time in the history of science we are beginning to understand, perhaps at present a little dimly, the difference between life, death and the meaning of life itself.

A motor-car, if deprived of petrol, stopped but did not die, but the living cell, deprived of oxygen and food, died immediately. Professor Hill had discovered that the organisation of the living cell was always tending to break down and required constant oxidation to keep it charged. Once the supply of oxygen and sugar ceased, it immediately went to pieces.

Interviewed by Reuter, Professor Donnan expressed the opinion that the continuous fine analysis of the phenomena of the living cell must lead to such an understanding of the organisation of life "that there is no reason why creation in the laboratory of the living cell of the physical plane should not be effected." — Reuter.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

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PAY OF CARRIERS.

An interesting disclosure of how the opium carriers of this Colony were supported by smugglers, was revealed at the Central Magistracy this morning. It was alleged that should an opium carrier be caught, convicted and sent to prison, he would be paid at the rate of 40 cents per day by the smugglers during the term of his imprisonment. The money, it was also stated, was paid to the carrier, in a lump sum, after he was set free.

An opium carrier who was found carrying 15 taels of opium in his waist band, when landing from the s.s. "Anjou," a Wuchow boat, was fined \$1,000 or 4 months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Senior Revenue Officer Clark informed the Court that he was told by a comrade of one of those Wuchow boats that the watchmen on board the vessel dared not stop the smugglers putting opium on board when the vessel was at Wuchow. A watchman on board tried to stop them with the result that he was assaulted by the smugglers and had to be taken to hospital.

Another carrier was fined \$900 or four months' hard labour for being in possession of 12 taels of opium.

TWO "SZE FOO."

NO DIRECT EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM.

Two "sze foo" (skilled workers) of the Tai Tung native distillery, who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the Revenue Department, were discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. It was stated that, legally, there was no direct evidence against the defendants.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted, and Mr. M. E. Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, defended.

Dr. D. Davidson, of the public health department of Glasgow, has been appointed Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the County of Surrey.

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